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Letter dated 8 March 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Declaration of Support for the Yasuni-Itt Initiative, which was adopted at the first Latin American and Caribbean Unity Summit, held in the Mayan Riviera, Mexico, on 22 and 23 February 2010 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 53 (d).

(Signed) Claude **Heller**
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Declaration of Support for the Yasuní-Itt Initiative

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The Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered together at the Unity Summit, applauded the Yasuní-Itt Initiative promoted by Ecuador, to build an efficient voluntary measure to address the issue of climate change and to ensure the conservation of one of the most biodiverse locations in the world.

As a result of this initiative, Ecuador will cease to mine 846 million barrels of petroleum present in the subsoil of the Yasuní National Park, which will prevent 407 million metric tons of carbon emissions from being released into the atmosphere. This would have resulted from the burning of these fossil fuels.

This initiative will contribute to a sense of respect for the indigenous cultures of the peoples in voluntary isolation in the Yasuní Park, as well as to social development, nature conservation and encourage the use of renewable energy sources.

Mayan Riviera, Mexico
23 February 2010